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88,000 Homes Started During September; Year's Record Far In Excess of '46 Level

Washington, D. C.—September saw the greatest activity in the building of new homes in the country since the peak month of the year in 1929, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The total for the month exceeded the record of any previous month with the possible exception of the peak month of the year in 1929 which was the peak home construction year in the nation's history.

AFL's Paper Workers Union Wins Libel Suit Against CIO

New York City.—The AFL's International Brotherhood of Paper, Rubber and Allied Workers (IBP) has won a \$100,000 libel suit against the CIO's Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union (WWU).

The CIO affiliate entered a stipulation in the New York State Supreme Court to pay the damages to the IBP.

Contract Signed By Painters' Union Gives 8,000 Members Full Medical Care

New York City.—District Council 4 of the AFL's Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers (BPP) has signed a new contract with the National Paint and Allied Trades Union (NATU).

The new contract provides for full medical care for the 8,000 members of the union.

AFL's Boilermakers Union Considers Plan to Send Food Packages Abroad

San Francisco.—The AFL's Boilermakers Union announced today that it is considering a plan to send food packages to the people of the British Isles.

The plan was proposed by the union's executive committee.

HIGH PRICES PURCHASE AUTO, HOUSE PURCHASE

Washington, D. C.—Many consumers who are planning to buy a new car or a new house in the next few years are being faced with the problem of high prices.

BUILDING EMPLOYMENT GAINS IN NEW YORK STATE

Employment in the construction industry in New York State has increased by 6,000 workers from July to September.

First Bargaining Election Scheduled Under New Law

Washington, D. C.—The AFL's Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (IUMSW) is participating in the first bargaining election scheduled under the new law.

The election is to be held within 60 days, by which time the union will have to bargain with the employer.

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The plan is designed to conserve natural resources and to protect the environment.

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Prices of Major Food Products in 1948 Expected to Soar Above Present Levels

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The government has announced a plan to stabilize food prices.

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"Compelling Reasons" Lead to Summons For Nov. 17th

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Harrison Urges U. S. Import More

San Francisco.—U. S. Senator Charles H. Harrison has urged the government to import more goods from the British Isles.

FACTORY HIRING INCREASED IN AUGUST

Washington, D. C.—Hiring in the manufacturing industry increased by 10,000 workers in August.